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THE LOCAL PRESS IN LYON HAS REPORTED THAT DUE TO THE DISCOVERY OF NEW EVIDENCE, SPECIFICALLY THAT 9 CHILDREN WERE AMONG THE 650 PERSONS ON THE LAST DEPORTATION TRAIN OUT OF LYON ON AUGUST 11, 1944, THE TRIAL OF KLAUS BARBIE WILL BE POSTPONED. THE MINIMUM POSTPONEMENT MENTIONED IN THE PRESS IS SOME THREE WEEKS. MOST COMMENTARIES TALK ABOUT JANUARY, 1986 AS THE SOONEST DATE. ACCORDING TO AT LEAST ONE PRESS ACCOUNT, ON SEPTEMBER 6, THE DAY THAT MR. HUBERT OGIER, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER DACCUSATION (GRAND JURY), WAS TO SIGN THE PROCESS FORWARDING BARBIES FILE TO THE COURT OF JURISDICTION, HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR VETERANS, DATED AUGUST 14, PROVIDING THE NEW EVIDENCE AND OBLIGING HIM TO RE-OPEN THE INVESTIGATION. THE PRESS IS ASKING, AS ARE OTHERS, WHY IT TOOK THREE WEEKS FOR THE LETTER TO REACH MR. OGIER? EVEN WORSE, SINCE INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE CHRISTIAN RISS HAD WRITTEN TO THE MINISTRY UPON OPENING HIS INVESTIGATION IN VERY EARLY 1983, REQUESTING ALL THE INFORMATION THEY HAD, WHY DID THE MINISTRY ONLY RESPOND IN AUGUST, 1985? AS TO BE EXPECTED, JACQUES VERGES, BARBIES ATTORNEY, HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED IN SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS AND IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THIS

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NEW INFORMATION GIVES THE AUTHORITIES A PRETEXT FOR POSTPONING  
THE TRIAL BUT THAT HE WANTS IT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR AS  
PROMISED BY THE AUTHORITIES.  
FULLER DETAILS OF THIS LATEST CHAPTER IN THE BARBIE CASE WILL BE  
REPORTED AS THEY DEVELOP.  
VALERGA  
END OF MESSAGE

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